Statement-I

Financial assistance given by Central Government for modernisation of Madarsas under 'Area Intensive and Madarsas Modernisation Programme Scheme.

(Rs. in lakhs)

State	2007-08
Andhra Pradesh	48.60
Bihar	79.92
Orissa	104.40
Tripura	42.75
Uttar Pradesh	3010.54

Statement-II

Appointment of Urdu Teachers under the scheme of Appointment of Language Teachers during 2007-08

Sl. No.	Name of the States	Number of Urdu Teachers sanctioned
1	Andhra Pradesh	1400
2	Himachal Pradesh	100
3	Chhattisgarh	426
	TOTAL:	1926

Uniform criteria for grants by UGC

†2824. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether uniform criteria are followed for small cities and big cities at the time of providing grant for organizing national research conferences and seminars by University Grant Commission;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor, whether the status of metro cities and small cities does not vary;

(c) whether institutions co-operating in organizing such programmes are available possibly in small towns and cities also in comparison to the big and metro cities; and

(d) whether separate criteria would be considered for providing grants in the said head to the colleges of metro cities and small cities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) According to the University Grants Commission (UGC), the Commission providers grants to eligible institutions in connection with organising conferences/seminars, in small or large cities as per its guidelines.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi